

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

5. (Amended) The sustained release preparation of a lipophilic drug as claimed in Claim 1 or 2 wherein the water-soluble substance is an amphipathic substance.

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6. (Amended) The sustained release preparation of a lipophilic drug as claimed in Claim 1 or 2 wherein the water-soluble substance is polyethylene glycol, polyoxyethylene polyoxypropylene glycol, or sucrose esters of fatty acids.

7. (Amended) The sustained release preparation of a lipophilic drug as claimed in Claim 1 or 2 wherein the water-soluble substance is sodium lauryl sulfate or sodium desoxycholic acid.

8. (Amended) The sustained release preparation of a lipophilic drug as claimed in Claim 1 or 2 wherein the water-soluble substance is sugars.

9. (Amended) The sustained release preparation of a lipophilic drug as claimed in Claim 1 or 2 wherein the water-soluble substance is an amino acid.

10. (Amended) The sustained release preparation of a lipophilic drug as claimed in Claim 1 or 2 wherein the water-soluble substance is a water-soluble drug.

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11. (Amended) The sustained release preparation of a lipophilic drug as claimed in Claim 1 or 2 wherein the lipophilic drug is ivermectin, ceftiofur, dexamethasone, or estradiol.